



BORIS THE SPIDER

**A Journal of Duplicitous Doings,
Raw Power, and Naked Greed**

*"Oh, what a tangled web we weave
When first we practice to deceive!"*
--Sir Walter Scott--



VOLUME VIII, #7

(#227)

7 Jul 04

Fowble Wins DwtK!

Congratulations to Wade Fowble for winning our second game of DOWN WITH THE KING. 'Twas a long, painful struggle. Given at least five players, we can run it again (John B, Jack & Rose S are you interested?) I've assembled the "Second Edition" Rules and will post them to the website once I've constructed the revised tables.

Well, we have five (Anderson, Barrett, R Fisher, Scott, Zodda) signed for KREMLIN and plenty of space, so that begins this time (p 16). Can take a 6th or more if some of the worthies reconsider.

The next deadline is a week later than the usual first Friday, due, as has become traditional, because I'll be at the World Boardgaming Championships (Reference 1) on the usual deadline. Still need a roommate (or two) to split \$122.04/night room for five nights. Will also split food vouchers.

IMMEDIATE GAME OPENINGS:

DUNE: The BGs are available. Their prediction will stand.

Gunboat MACH: Have three signed up. Want two or more more.

KREMLIN: Starts now. Have 5, can take one more.

BORIS'S BULLETIN BOARD

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH: "The next best thing to winning is losing!" At least you've been in the race." --- Nellie Hershey Smith

New address for Paul Saunders, find it on p 19.

Tom Cundiff (Reference 2) and Jim Pratt (Reference 3) are trying to organize separate pbem games of GUNSLINGER. Tom's would be "blind", Jim's would be duplicate. Contact them if interested.

BOOS & KUDOS

The Madame Bolduc Press Excellence Award (and free issue!) this month goes to Mike Scott for his MACHIAVELLI press.

This month's Ms Nar Super-Sunday Bomb is lobbed at Rudy Zodda for late ABN orders.

REFERENCES:

1. <http://www.boardgamers.org/>
2. tdogunsinger@worldnet.att.net
3. pratt.appraisal@sbcglobal.net

PERSONAL COMMUNICATION HERE (maybe):

Deadline for most games is 1800 CDT 13 Aug 04



A Cloud of Doom

Spring 1904

XVII
2003F

ERRATA: English F LPL must retreat oth or to CLY or NAT. French A Wal-Lpl succeeded. Turkish (A Ank-Smy) failed.

MINAS MORGUL: The next season should be quite interesting. Germans in STP, Austrians in MOS and SEV, Russians in ANK, Italians in CON, and the Brits in TUN. The fate of Sultan Ali Cary hangs by a thread. Will Tsar David forgoe defending SEV and help destroy militant Islam by capturing ANK? Can Emperor Rick and King Ron agree on who should get CON? Probably, since MOS is wide open and an English retreat to NAF or WES threatens vulnerable TUN. But they also need the Tsar's cooperation to do it swiftly. Kaiser Rudy must soon decide which faction to back lest he soon be the target of all the survivors.

TROOP MOVENTS

Austrian A RUM retreats to GAL. English F LPL retreats to CLY. Austria builds A BUD. England disbands A STP. France builds F BRE. Germany builds F KIE. Russia scuttles F LVN.

AUS: (Rick Copeland) A Gal S A Bud-Rum, (A Bul-Con)(r-???), F Gre-Aeg, A Ser S A Bud-Rum, A War S A Ukr, A Ukr S A Bud-Rum, A Bud-Rum;

ENG: (Jack Shacklett) (F Mid-Bre)(r-???), F Nth-Eng, F Lon S F Nth-Eng, F Cly-Edi;

FRA: (Kevin Wilson) A Bur S F Pic-Bel, A Lpl S F Iri-Wal, F Iri-Wal, (F Eng S F Iri-Wal)(r-???), A Pic-Bel, F Spaiso S F Bre-Mid, F Bre-Mid;

GER: (Rudy Zoddal) A Swe-Fin, A Hol H, F Bal-Bot, A Mun H, A Den-Swe, F Kie-Den;

ITA: (Ron Fisher) A Syr S F Aeg-Smy, A Rom-Tus, F Eas S F Aeg-Smy, F Aeg-Smy;

RUS: (Dave Anderson) A Sev-Arm, A Rum-Bul, F Bla S A Rum-Bul;

TUR: (Cary Nichols) (A Con S F Smy), A Ank S F Smy, (F Smy S A Con)(d).

Orders in brackets fail; d= destroyed, oth = off the board, neo = not so ordered, r-??? = must retreat somewhere. Full transcript of game and the latest Map are on the Website.

Austrian A BUL must retreat either oth or to GRE. English F MID must retreat oth or to GAS, IRI, NAF, NAT, POR, or WES. French F ENG must retreat oth or to BRE, IRI or PIC. If both F MID & F ENG retreat to IRI, both (d).

Orders for the retreats and for Fall 1904 are due next time.

EMBASSY BEAT

GM to All: Remember, Ms Nar craves Press.



MACHIAVELLI

VENICE SQUEEZED!

Spring 1517

2003 D

pw10

Errata: French F GON was destroyed for lack of a legal retreat.

Ragnocitti: Looks like Venice will soon join Milan as a footnote in the history books since the Doge has but three units and one of them will likely be starved out this summer and another this fall. The French war machine has inexplicably gone into neutral, just three cities shy of victory -- good news for the surging Turks.

TROOP MOVEMENTS:

Austria (28d) maintains all and builds A BARI (-27d). France (47d) maintains all, builds F MAR, A AVI, A SALZ, (-33d). Papacy (37d) maintains all, builds A Rom (-21d). Turkey (31d) maintains all but F SAL then builds A HUN (-27d). Venice (13d) maintains all but A ALB (-9d).

AUSTRIA (Wilson, 1d): F GoL-WM, F IS-Dur, F TS S F GoN-Nap, F Otr-Sal, F Pal-CM, F Cor S F TS, F GoN-Nap, F Sar S F GoL-WM, A Bari S F Otr-Sal;

FRANCE (Scott, 14d): [A Mod-Par], F Pio-Sie, A Cre S A Ber, A Ber S A Cre, [A Tyr-Mil], F LS S F Mar-Pro, G Gen = F, [A Mil-Par], A Avi-Mar, A Salz-Sav, F Mar-Pro.

PAPACY (Anderson, 16d): F Pisa S FRE F LS, A Man S A Bol-Fer, A Anc-Aqu, A Bol-Fer, [F Ven-UA], G Man S A Man;

TURKEY (McConnell, 4d): A Car-Carin, A Fri S A Tre B, F Cro-Dal, A Tre B1, [F UA-Pad], A Trent S A Carin-Ver, A Dal-Her, A Carin-Ver, A Hun-Aus;

VENICE (Nichols, 4d): [A Fer S A Pad](r-???), [A Pad S Fer], [G Tre = A].

Autonomous: Luc, Mon, Pio, Sie.

Orders in brackets fail. b = besieged, d = destroyed, imp = impossible, no = not owned, nso = not so ordered, nsu = no such unit, oth = off the board, otm = on the move, r-??? = must retreat oth or elsewhere.

Venetian A FER must retreat oth or into garrison.

Orders for Summer 1517 are due next time. And Press. Ms Nar craves Press. Game transcript and map are on the website.

BORIS PRESS REVIEW

France-All: This month has gotten by way to fast. With additional duties at work, and less pay, I've had no time to answer your e-mails, or to write with my own thoughts. Sorry guys. Maybe next month.... No Stabs, just playing along....

France to Turkey: Have you made up with Austria, or just waiting till you finish in the north? Either way OK, just he's pushing north as if he wants to come thru me to reclaim his areas....



Source of the Nile



Turn 26

The Cast:

Dan Farrow (dropped) Jason Bargender Ron Fisher (dropped?)
Andrew York Don Chirnery D&D Anderson

Published: DD12 (lake, +79 acres), DD11 (lake, +75 acres), CC11 (lake, +88 acres), AA13 (veldt, river from 1 and 4 to 2), Z14 (veldt, river from 5 to 4, cataract, waterfall is 350 feet), Z13 (veldt, river from 1 to 2) and tribe L11 (the Mphahlele) in Z13, G24 (jungle, river from 3 to 6), H24 (swamp), G22 (mountain, river begins and extends to 4), H21 (desert, river from 1 to 3, oasis), I22 (veldt, river from 6 to 3), J19 (swamp), J18 (veldt), K18 (veldt), M10 (the Kimbundu) in G22, L15 (the Bagaza) in J19, M36 (the Ruanda in J18, M37 (the Maleonde) in I22, P2 (swamp), O4 (lake, +21 acres), N4 (lake, +33 acres), M1 (the Ankrin) in P2, FF8 (mountain, river from 6 to 5, cataract), FF7 (jungle/swamp), EE8 (jungle/swamp), EE9 (mountain, river from 3 to 1, 65 foot waterfall), DD8 (jungle/swamp), GG5 (veldt, river to 1), FF5 (veldt, river from 4 to 1), EE8 (desert, river from 4 to 1), DD6 (veldt, river from 4 to 2, 85 ft waterfall), DD7 (jungle/swamp), M24 (the Gedami) in FF7, ad S2 (the Ngubane) in GG5.

Positions still available for fearless explorers. Contact Alan Bargender if interested.



WAM III

January 27th - 30th, 2005

Hunt Valley Inn, Hunt Valley, MD

The two-player, card-driven wargame genre is covered in depth in our annual Winter Activation Meeting.

- *We the People* • *Paths of Glory*
- *Hannibal* • *Barbarossa to Berlin*
- *Wilderness War* • *For the People*



Euro Quest II

November 11th - 14th, 2004

Days Hotel

Timonium, MD

A dozen repeat-play format tournaments for "European" style games including the popular Wild Card event for those who love variety with an added night for Open Gaming.

The Cast:

R Fisher (F) P Zieske (Z) M Scott (S) K Wilson (W) R Copeland (C)

ERRATA: Tiles d3 and e7 are "9"s not "6"s.

Turns 3.2-3.4a:

3.2 (Z): Roll 11. F collects 1 brick from c3; W collects 2 ore from g5.**3.3 (S):** Roll 5. F collects 2 lumber from b2; F & Z collect 1 grain from e3; W collects 2 grain from f5. S trades wool to F for lumber. S builds road f4/f5 (-bl). **SBP:** F builds road @ e3/f3 (-bl).**3.4 (W):** Roll 3. Scott collects 1 brick from d6 and 1 wool from e5; C collects 1 grain from g2.

Trade 4 grain for 1 ore then build city @ b4/c5/c6 (-3o,2g, +1VP).

3.6 (C): Roll __.

COMMODITY STATUS

Player	brick	grain	lumber	ore	wool	Knights	cards	VP	Other
F	0	2	3	0	1	0	1	3	
Z	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	2	
S	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	
W	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	
C	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	

Development: (Robber @ g3)

F: Settlements: e3/e4/f3, b3/c3/c4, a2/b2/b3

Roads: b3/c3, e3/e4, b2/b3, b3/c4, e3/f3

Z: Settlements: d2/d3/e3, g3/h2/h3

Roads: d2/d3, g3/h2, c2/d3

S: Settlements: d6/e6/e7, e4/e5/f4

Roads: e6/e7, e5/f4, e5/f5, f4/f5

W: Cities: b4/c4/e5, f5/f6/g5

Roads: c4/c5, f5/f6, e6/f5, e5/e6

C: Settlements: d3/d4/e4, f3/g2/g3

Roads: d3/d4, g2/g3

Knight



Move the robber and steal one resource from an adjacent player.

SOLDIER



Move the robber. Steal one resource card from the owner of an adjacent settlement or city.



BRITANNIA

"Devon"

Turn XV



The Cast:

Blue: Kevin Wilson
Purple: Rudy Zodda

Green: Rick Copeland
Red: Peter Boyum

Turn XV

Board

Welsh (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

Brigantes (1): 2A @ Dunedin, Lothian, Mar, Pennines; 1A @ Cheshire.

Picts (0.5): 3A @ Calthness; 2A @ Skye; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Hebrides.

Caledonians (0.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Norsemen (2): 2A @ Moray.

Dubliners (0): 3A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cheshire, Cumbria, Galloway.

Danes (1): 4A @ Hwicce, S Mercia; 2A @ Essex, N Mercia; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Lindsey, Norfolk, York.

Jutes (1.5): 2A @ Kent.

Norwegians: Harald, 10A @ North.

Saxons (1.5): 2A @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands; Harold @ ???.

Normans: Willie, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

Stott: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

Dubliners (0): Grow 2.5 pp. 2A Cumbria-Cheshire (3,2:1 Brigante r-March), 1A Galloway to Cumbria, 2A Strathclyde-Galloway.

Danes (1): Grow 8.5 pp. Can't add (nothing in force pool). 2A N Mercia-March, 3A Hwicce-March, 1A Essex-Suffolk-Lindsey, 1A S Mercia-N Mercia-March (5,4,3,2,2,1:3 -1 Brigt, 1A S Mercia-Hwicce, 1A S Mercia-N Mercia.

Danes to Normans - Sorry we couldn't quite kill all the Saxons. You have to finish off Harold yourself. Enjoy! Signed, King Canute....

Jutes (1.5): Grow 1 pp. 1A Kent-Sussex.

Norwegians:

Stott: Green 112.5, Red 79.5, Blue 52, Purple 44.5.

Board

Welsh (1): 2A @ Clywd, Dyfed; Gwent, Gynnedd, Powys; 1A @ Cornwall, Devon.

Brigantes (1): 2A @ Dunedin, Lothian, Mar, Pennines.

Picts (0.5): 3A @ Calthness; 2A @ Skye; 1A @ Alban, Dalraida, Hebrides.

Caledonians (0.5): 2A @ Orkneys.

Norsemen (2): 2A @ Moray.

Dubliners (2.5): 2A @ Cheshire, Galloway; 1A @ Cumbria, Strathclyde.

Danes (0.5): 6A @ March, 2A @ Hwicce, Lindsey; 1A @ Avalon, Bernicia, Essex, N Mercia, Norfolk, S Mercia, York.

Jutes (2.5): 1A @ Kent, Sussex.

Norwegians: Harald, 10A @ North.

Saxons (1.5): 2A @ Wessex; 1A @ Downlands; Harold @ ???.

Normans: Willie, 6A, 4C @ Channel.

Legend: A = infantry army, C = cavalry army, F = fort, L = legion or leader, pp = population point.



BRITANNIA

"Frisian"

Turn IV Concluded



Elk Cast: Nations in Italics are extinct, in parentheses are not yet in play.

A (Hanna): Romans, (R-Ba, Norsemen, Norwegians)

B (Anderson): Welsh, Jutes, (Normans)

C (Buttit): Brigantes, Caledonians, (Danes)

D (Boym): Picts, Irish, (Angles)

E (Frueh): Belgae, Scots, Saxons, (Dubliners)

Scot:

Romans (A): 2L @ York; 1L,F @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Essex, Kent, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Pennines; F @ Alban, Avalon, Dunedin, Lindsey, Lothian, March, N Mercia, Norfolk, Sussex, Wessex.

Welsh (B, 2): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Chwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

Brigantes (C, 0): 4A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway;

Picts (D, 2.5): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada, Moray, Skye;

Caledonians (C, 1): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (D, 0): 3R @ Atlantic.

Scots (E, 0): None.

Jutes (B, 0): 2R @ Channel.

Saxons (E, 0): 3R @ Channel.

Angles (D, 0): 3R @ Frisian.

Score: 2(24), 1(13), 1(8), 2(21), 1(1)

Saxons (0): 3A Channel-Wessex (6,3,3-3 -F).

Angles (D, 0): 3R Frisian-Norfolk (6,5,4-6 -F, -1 Angle, 2 Angles w-Frisian) +3 DVP.

Score:

Welsh (7.5), Jutes (0)

Brigantes (6), Caledonians (4)

Picts (5), Irish (0)

Scots(0), Saxons (1)

Score:

Romans (A): 2L @ York; 1L,F @ Bernicia, Cheshire, Essex, Kent, S Mercia, Suffolk; 1L @ Hwicce, Pennines; F @ Alban, Avalon, Dunedin, Lindsey, Lothian, March, N Mercia, Norfolk, Sussex.

Welsh (B, 2): 3A @ Downlands; 2A @ Gwent; 1A @ Chwyd, Cornwall, Devon, Gwynedd, Powys.

Brigantes (C, 0): 4A @ Strathclyde; 1A @ Cumbria, Galloway; 1 @ ???.

Picts (D, 2.5): 2A @ Caithness, Mar; 1A @ Dalriada, Moray, Skye;

Caledonians (C, 1): 2A @ Orkneys; 1A @ Hebrides.

Irish (D, 0): 4R @ Atlantic.

Scots (E, 0): 1R @ Irish.

Jutes (B, 0): 4R @ Channel.

Saxons (E, 0): 3R @ Channel, 3A @ Wessex.

Angles (D, 0): 5R @ Frisian.

Score: 2(24), 1(23), 1(9.5), 1(9), 1(9)

Current map and game transcript can be found on the website.



DUNE

Turn 5 Battle-Turn 6 Nexus



ERRATA: L has no units on the board. 2T in the tanks. G has 7S going into the battle. A has 5T in the Tanks.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Nichols): 2T @ Habbanya Erg (s17), 3T @ Broken Land, 4T @ Arrakeen, 7R, 0S, 1C

BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara): 3T @ Arrakeen; 2T @ Carthag; 1T @, Cielago North, Tuks Sitch.

Imperial Basin, Minor Erg, 13S, 12R, 1C

BENE TLEILAXU (Butitta): 0S, 9C, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch

FREMEN (Barrett): 5T @ Sitch Tabr, 3T, 2* @ Hagga Basin, 8S, 4C

GUILD (Anderson): 6T @ Tuck's Sitch, 5T @ Arrakeen, 5T @ Carthag, 3R, 7S, 3C

HARKONNEN (Wilson): 5T Carthag, 12R, 4S, 8C

LANSRAAD (R Fisher): 20R, 2S, 4C

Spice: Broken Land (2), Habbanya Erg (8)

Storm: Sector 2

Tanks: Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, A 4T, F 7T, H 1T, G 1T

TURN 5

5.5 Battle:

CARTHAG: G 5T vs H 5T. G plays S Tuck, Snooper, 4S and dials 4. H plays DeVries, Lasegun, Snooper, 2S and dials 2.5. S Tuck is killed (5S to H). H wins 5.5 to 4. G loses all. H loses 3T.

ARRAKEEN: A 4T vs G 5T. G plays Guild Rep and 3S and dials 3. A plays G Halleck, Shield, and dials 2. A wins 7 to 4; G loses 5T and A loses 4T, leaving Arrakeen empty.

BT attacks Guild Rep at Arrakeen with a Maula Pistol, kills him (+1S).

5.6 Spice Collection: A collects 4S at Habbanya Erg and 2S at Broken Land. H collects 2S at Carthag. G collects 1S at Tuck's Sitch.

TURN 6

6.1 Storm: The Storm moves 5 sectors to Sector 7. BG in Cielago N killed. The Storm chit is ____.

6.2 Spice Blow: Shal-Halud appears in Habbanya Erg, consuming A 2T and 4S. Nexus.

PRESS: F to all: Go Guild, Go.

The Board:

ATREIDES (Nichols): 3T @ Broken Land, 7R, 6S, 1C

BENE GESSERIT (O'Hara): 3T @ Arrakeen; 2T @ Carthag; 1T @ Tuks Sitch, Imperial Basin, Minor Erg, 13S, 12R, 1C

BENE TLEILAXU (Butitta): 1S, 3C, Tr @ Habbanya Ridge Sitch

FREMEN (Barrett): 5T @ Sitch Tabr, 3T, 2* @ Hagga Basin, 8S, 4C

GUILD (Anderson): 6T @ Tuck's Sitch, 3R, 1S, 2C

HARKONNEN (Wilson): 5T Carthag, 12R, 11S, 8C

LANSRAAD (R Fisher): 20R, 2S, 4C

Spice: None

Storm: Sector 7

Tanks: Lady J, Otheym, T Hawat, B Rabban, Dr Y, S Tuck, Guild Rep, A 8T, F 7T, H 4T, G 11T

Due next time are your orders for Turn 5 Battle through Turn 6 Spice Blow. Note that if F/G prevail at Carthag and Arrakeen, they win. Ms Nar craves Press. Transcript and map are posted on the website. Your cards are:



TITAN

Combat Continues!
Turn 14



ERRATA: 15 and 115 are Plains, not Woods.

COMBAT: Brown Tankard concedes to Green Frog at Marsh 131; Green gains 24 VP. Blue Anchor & Green Hook @ Plains 115. Green Dagger vs Red Maltese Cross at Plains 15.

SLAIN TURN 13: Gargoyles(x2), Ranger, Centaur.

THE BOARD:

Brown (Frueh), 6-4, 0 VP, dr=3: Spider 37 holds; Antlers 3 holds; Chest 135 hold; Bearpaw 103-6; Bell 137-134 holds.

Blue (York), 6-4, 0 VP, dr=2: Batman 122 holds. Octopus 28 holds. Anchor 115 (Combat). Twister 118-116.

Red (Bargender), 8-4, 204 VP, dr=3: Maltese Cross 15 (Combat). Heart 38-41.

Green (Rezzarday), 7-4, 180 VP, dr=1: Dagger 15 (Combat). Hook 115 (Combat). Fleur-de-Lis 33-134; Harp 126-500 spawn Fishbone, Frog 131-130.

MUSTERED: Gorgon(x3), Lion, Ogre.

COMBAT: Dagger vs Cross at Plains 15, Anchor vs Hook at Plains 115. Bell vs Fleur-de-Lis at Brush 134.

FORCE POOL: Archangels (6), Angels (14), Behemoths (15), Centaurs (3), Colossi (10), Cyclops (6), Dragons (18), Gargoyles (7), Giants (18), Gorgons (15), Griffons (18), Guardians (6), Hydra (10), Lions (21), Minotaurs (21), Ogres (6), Rangers (24), Serpents (10), Trolls (16), Unicorns (12), Warbears (21), Warlocks (5), Wyverns (17).

DEAD POOL: Centaurs (14), Cyclops(10), Gargoyles(10), Gorgon, Lion(2), Ogres(8), Titans(2), Trolls(8).

Your Turn 15 die roll is: _____. Current masterboard and game transcript are on the website.

Your Legions are:



FRUEH IS MISSING

FIM

SR 3-SR4

PLAYER STATUS: (*Denotes Presidency)

Zodda: \$101, SVNRR, D&H, 3 NYNH&H, 1 C&O
 Hanna: 80, C&A, 1 PR, 4 NYNH&H*
 Bolduc: \$60, B&Opc, 2 B&O*, 2 C&O, 2 CP
 Copeland: 84, M&H, 6 C&O*
 Zieske: \$17, C&SL, 6 CP*, 1 C&O

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
NYNH&H	CH	C82	90	3	0	740	2	G19, 1
CP	PZ	E71a	71	2	0	430	22	A19, B16, 2
C&O	RC	E71b	71	0	0	630	2	F6, 2
B&O	PB	A100	100	8	0	---	--	(I15), 3

SR #3 (continued):

All pass. C&O is sold out so rises to E71b. Copeland has the Priority.

OR #3:

Private Company distributions: +\$20 Zodda, +\$25 Hanna, +\$30 Bolduc, +\$20 Copeland and +\$10 Zieske.

NYNH&H: Lay no tile. Place no token. Run G19-F20 (\$50). Pay \$5/share dividends. (+\$15 Zodda, +\$20 Hanna; NYNH&H to C90. Buy two 2-trains and 1 3-train from the bank (-\$340). **Phase change!** Buy C&A private company from Hanna (-\$320, +\$320 Hanna).

CP: Buy C&SL from PZ for \$80 (\$430-80=\$350). Play #58 in B20(nw) using C&SL. Lay #9 B22(w). Run two 2-trains B16-A19 (\$60), A19-B20 (\$50). Pay \$11/share dividends (+\$22 Bolduc, +\$66 Zieske). Buy one 3-train (\$350-180=\$170). Price to E76.

C&O: Buy M&H private company from RC for \$220. (\$630 - \$220 = \$410). Play #69(se) in G7(se). Run F2-F6 (\$70). Pay Dividends \$7/share. (+\$42 Copeland, +\$14 Bolduc, +\$7 Zieske & Zodda). C&O stock to E76b. Buy two 3 trains. (\$410 - \$360 = \$50)

SR #4:

Copeland: Sell 4 shares of C&O @ \$76 = \$302. C&O stock price falls to H68. Purchase President's share of PRR at par price of \$100. (-\$200)

Zieske: Sell 5 shares of CP @ 76 and 1 of C&O at \$68 = +\$48. CP goes to H68b. Bolduc becomes President of CP. C&O on ledge. Purchase President's share of B&M at par price of \$100. (-\$200)

Zodda: Sell 3 NYNH&H, buy 1 CP from Pool (-\$68). NYNH&H drops to F71.

Hanna: Buy 1 B&O (-\$100).

Bolduc: Buy 1 B&O (-\$100).

Copeland: Buy 1 PRR (-\$100).

Zieske: Buy 1 B&M (-\$100).

Zodda: Buy 1 B&O (-\$100).

Hanna: Sell 1 PRR, buy 1 B&O (+\$100-\$100). PRR drops to B90. B&O floats!

Bolduc: Pass

PLAYER STATUS: (*Denotes Presidency)

Zodda: \$245, SVNRR, D&H, 1 C&O, 1 CP, 1 B&O
 Hanna: \$265, 4 NYNH&H*, 2 B&O
 Bolduc: \$26, B&Opc, 3 B&O*, 2 C&O, 2 CP*

Copeland: \$290, 2 C&O*, 3 PR*

Zieske: \$328, 1 CP, 3 B&M*

CORPORATE STATUS:

Corp	Pres	Price	Par	IO	Pool	Cash	Trains	Tokens
B&O	PB	A100	100	6	0	\$1000	--	(I15), 3
NYNH&H	CH	F71	90	3	0	80	2223	G19, 1, C&A
C&O	RC	H68a	71	0	5	50	233	F6, 2, M&H
CP	PB	H68b	71	2	4	170	223	A19, B16, 2, C&SL
B&M	RZ	A100	100	7	0	---	--	(E23), 2
PA	RC	B90	100	7	1	---	--	(H12), 4

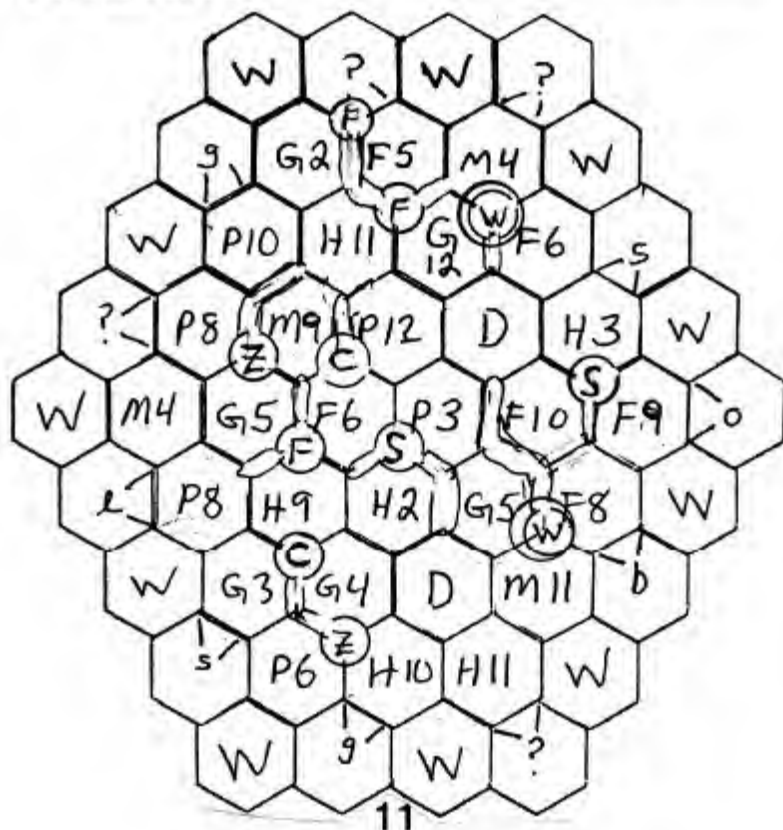
The Bank has \$____,00.

AVAILABLE TRAINS: 3 4444 555 66 DDDDDDD

AVAILABLE TILES:

Yellow: #1(0), #2(1), #3(2), #4(2), #7(3), #8(7), #9(6), #55(1), #56(1), #57(4), #58(1), #69(0)

Green: #14(3), #15(2), #16(1), #18(1), #19(1), #20(1), #23(3), #24(3), #25(1), #26(1), #27(1), #28(1), #29(1), #53(2), #54(1), #59(2)



Down with the King

James Fails to Usurp! Duke Robert Wins!! Turns 18-19



The Cast:

D&D Anderson: Lord Jeffrey (#23), 2 IP, 16/9 PP, 6 cards, #61, #51, #24(MC,H)
A. Bargender: Duke James (#22, MC), 21 IP, 63/37 PP, 12 cards, #52(H) #12(H), #32, Catherine, #35
Copeland: Marquise Margaret (#56), 3 IP, 46/9 PP, 2 cards, #15, #46, #54, #31, #53, #44, Jane, #65.
Fowle: Lord Robert (#16/62), 11 IP, 72/35 PP, 9 cards, #13(H), #45, #21(H), #11, #26, Almerly, #35, #43, #34, #33, #66, #36, King John, Alfred.
York: Duchess Mary (#64), 0 IP, 36/26 PP, 13 cards, #63(H), #14, #42(H), #41.

The Cabinet:

Monarch: King John, Ro (65 Support)	Consort: <Vacant>
Navy: Lord Arthur (#36), Ro	High Minister: Duke Henry (#43), Ro
State: Earl Duncan (#34), Ro	Army: Earl Francis (#33), Ro
Trade: Duke Marley (#44), Mt	Justice: Knight Dale (#25), Ro
Epalin: <Vacant>	Bezyan: Sir Michael (#15), Je
Sandarkan: Sir Guy (#12), Ja	Cronos: Lord Perceval (#41), My
City States: Sir Richard (#14), My	Treasury: Knight Simon (#31), Mt

Turn 18:

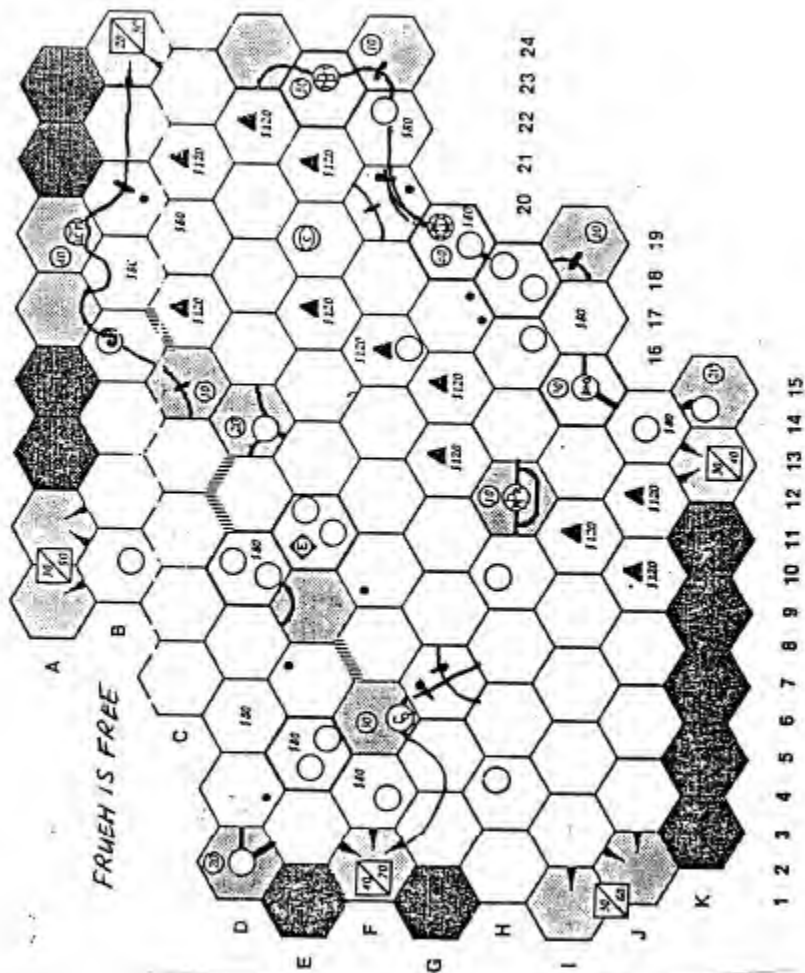
Robert: Expose the Archbishop's Heresy (Scandal, 10 = Rumors unsubstantiated).
Margaret: Accuse Lord Robert of Scandal (11 = Corruption, Marquise Margaret, status = 4, Accused of Wrongdoing, (2), cleared.

Turn 19:

3. Political Problem Resolution: Earl Francis (Ability = 2) vs War with Epalin (4-3 = solved).
4. Crown Event: Crown Event: Knight Dale (Ability = 2) vs Treason & Conspiracy Trials (4-2 no); Earl Duncan (Ability = 3) vs International Incident (2-2 = solved). Monarch's Support +10 to 75.
5. Player Turns:
James: Draw a card, 1 IP, and Gain 1 IP. Roll on the Craft table (4+2 = Barely Above Water). Attempt a usurpation with Queen Catherine: Q Cath (1x2) + PC (5) + FACs (15) + Army Support (3x7) + Foreign Support from both Epalin (1x3) and Sandarkan (2x4) = 52. King John (20) + PC (8) + FACs (39) + Peasant Support (2x1x4) + Army Support (1x7) + Foreign Support from Cronos (2x2) = 86. Catherine and James fail and are killed. James loses half his PP to 31 PP, but can still support his faction. Must discard 5 cards.
Robert: Draw a card, 1 IP, and Any Activity. Discard "Henchman" card. Recruit Sheriff (#52) by Treachery. Make Lady Elizabeth a Duchess (and Robert a Duke, -2 IP).
Margaret: Draw a card, 1 IP, and Gain 1 IP. Does nothing.
Mary: Draw a card, 1 IP, and Gain 1 IP. Rolls on Craft Table (2-1 = Defective Products, Roll on Scandal Table; (10 = Rumors unsubstantiated).
Jeffrey: Draw a card, 1 IP, and Favor. Rolls on the Literary Pursuits Table (11 = Brilliant +2 pp, +2).

King John survives three full turns on the throne. Robert wins.

Due next time are end of game statements.





ERRATA: P has 1 card.

The Cast (In Tiebreak Order)

BARCELONA (Butitta): 8106, 15C, 2K, 50M, SV-10, 6t
VENICE (Hanna): 886, 13C, 3K, 50M, Gal-6, 34t
GENOA (Copeland): 852, 6C, 1K, 80M, Gal-6, 35t
PARIS (Frueh): 8113, 13C, 1K, 70M, 11t

Advances

R.S
A.R
A.E.N.R
E.I.R

Leaders are "D. Exiguus" (B, 1st), "Charlemagne" (P, 83 patronage), "Rashid ad Din" (P, 82 patronage), P loses 11t to "Civil War", G cedes TRI to B, V has "Armor".

4.4: PURCHASE PHASE

B (6t) buys "Institutional Research" (K: 8100), "Written Record" (N: 30 cr), Stabilization (83).
V (34t) buys "Caravan" (L: 820), "Seaworthy Vessels" (S: 860), and Stabilization (86).
G (35t) pays P 83, buys "Nationalism" (W: 830, 30 cr), Galley-8 (810), and Stabilization (81).
P (11t) buys "Written Record" (N: 820, 10 cr, 5 MR), "Nationalism" (W: 830, 30 cr, 5 MR), "The Heavens" (A: 830, 5 MR), Stabilization (91). 15 MR & 1 tier for -1 ML.

4.5: EXPANSION PHASE

B (6t) plays 4t=c @ Con, 2t=c @ Smy.
V (34t) plays 10t=c @ Fez (B:W,G = 2.5:3.3, 1.5:6, 1 no), 5t=c @ Bor (1.5:6.6 -PT), 6t=c @ Mon (3.5:4.1; 4.5:4.4 -1BC), 8t=c @ StM (3.5:4.2; 6.5:6.5 -PC), 3t=c @ Cyp, 1t @ Kaf (6.5:4 -1GT), 1t @ Gal.
G (35t) plays 4t=c @ Bel (4:3, 1 -VC), 4t=c @ Sic (6.5:6 -VC), 8t=c @ Lyo (1:1, 1; 1:1.6 -PT), 8t=c @ Bor (6:3.2; -Vc), 6t @ Sev (5:6.2 no), 4t=c @ Tri (5:3, 1 -BC), burn 1t.
P (11t) buys a card (3t, 1st card of Epoch II), plays 3t+1T=c @ PAR, eats 5t.
G earns the expansion bonus card.

4.6 Profit and Interest Phase: B(15C) earns 875, P&V(13C) earns 867, G(11C) earns 859. There is a surplus of (5, 4+4) metal; B pays 82. There is a shortage of (1, 1+4) grain; G gets a card.

5.1/2: CARD DRAW: All draw one card. No one can buy a card.

The Cast (In Turn 4 Order)

BARCELONA (Butitta): 876, 15C, 3K, 50M, SV-10
VENICE (Hanna): 867, 13C, 3K, 50M, SV-10
GENOA (Copeland): 867, 11C, 4K, 80M, Gal-8
PARIS (Frueh): 897, 13C, 3K, 70M

Advances

N.R.S.X
A.I.R.S
A.E.N.R.W
A.E.I.N.R.W

THE BOARD:

B: C @ Alg Ang, Haq BAR Cal Con Fez Gra Lis Sev Smy Tan Tol Val WAE, 1T @ Ora.
G: C @ Bel Bor Gen Lyo Mar Nap Rom Sic Tri Tun Var.
P: C @ Acr Alep Basl Bru Col Dj Flo Mil Nur PAR Pra Str Sue; 1T @ Lev StG.
V: C @ Alex Bud Cre Cyp Dub Erz Mon Pot Salo StM Tre VEN Vie; 1T @ Gal, Kaf.

Due next time are orders for Token Bid and Card Play phases. Your cards are:

LEGEND: c = white circle, C = colored circle, K = cards, M = misery, ML = misery level, t = white token, T = colored token. See website for transcript and map.



AIR BARON

"Boston"

Turn 6



The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$9, BWI, ORF, PIT, RDU (DCA), BOS, BUF, PHL, PVD, SJU, SYR, ORY (JFK), CLE 180 MS

Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), IFWI \$0, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI, OMA (DIA), LIT, OKC, TUL (DFW) 100 MS

Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$22, MCO, PBI, TPA (MIA), AUS, MSY (HOU), CVG 80 MS

Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$12, MSP, STL, IND (ORD), MEM, CLT 60 MS

TURN 6:

TCA is out of fare wars, draws CLE (\$3 to HL) and DIA (\$5 to TCA), buys BNA (-\$3).

BART is out of fare wars, draws BOS (\$9 to HL) and DFW (TCA +\$12, BART +\$3), buys MKE (-\$2), +60 MS.

HL is out of fare wars, draws PVD (\$1 to HL) and SJU (\$3 to HL), buys SLC (-5).

TT is out of fare wars, draws ORD (\$13 to BART) and Strike! (Settle for \$5). Buy SAT (-\$2).

Press:

BART to all: Hey dudes is there a cartel ?? West for TransCon - South for Trans Tucan - East for Hindenburg. I'm kinda trapped in the middle :-|

What's with all this commercialism ? It sucks and blows at the same time, man.

BART to TT: Sorry to learn your guys don't like the peanuts your paying them !!!

TURN 7:

Player Order: BART (OKC, TUL), HL (ORY, MCO), TT (ABQ, PHL), TCA (BUF, MSY).

The Cast

Rick Copeland: Hindenburg Lines (Orange), \$21, BWI, ORF, PIT, RDU (DCA), BOS, BUF, PHL, PVD, SJU, SYR, ORY (JFK), CLE, SLC 180 MS

Cary Nichols: TransCon Air (Green), \$0, ELP, ABQ, TUS (PHX), MCI, OMA (DIA), LIT, OKC, TUL (DFW), BNA 100 MS

Rudy Zodda: Trans Tucan (Red), \$15, MCO, PBI, TPA (MIA), AUS, MSY, SAT (HOU), CVG 100 MS

Paul Barrett: Barrett Airline Retro Transportation (Purple), \$12, MKE, MSP, STL, IND (ORD), MEM, CLT 120 MS

Due next time are your orders for Turn 7.



KREMLIN Set Up!



CAST (in Table Order):

Ron Fisher: Red Bivalve Factory (RBF), 3 cards
 Mike Scott: The California Connection (TCC), 3 cards
 Dave Anderson: Decaying Licentious Antiquarians (DLA), 3 cards
 Rudy Zodia: Red Zealots? (RZ), 3 cards
 John Butitta: ??? (JB), 3 cards
 ????: ???, 3 cards

POLITBURO:

Party Chief:	Aparatschik (A)	80+
KGB Head:	Doberman (L)	63
Foreign Minister:	Badenuff (X)	53
Defense Minister:	Manjak (P)	61
Ideology Chief:	Satin (O)	62s
Industry Minister:	Strychnin (T)	57w
Economy Minister:	Patina (S)	58
Sport Minister:	Krakemheda (C)	72
Candidates: CHJMV	People: BDFGIKNQRUWYZ	
The Wall:	Siberia:	

Due next time are your initial IP allocations and orders for Phase 1.1 (Cures) to 1.4 (Health, if you have appropriate cards).

System rules are posted on the Website as are any special House Rules.

Your cards are:

HOUSE RULES FOR KREMLIN

1. The Advanced Rules as supplied in the game will be used except as modified in these rules. The expansion deck less Card #66 will also be used.
2. The first set of orders mailed in by each player will be the distribution of the 55 allocated IP (these IPs need not be declared yet, merely allocated) and orders for the 1st mailing of Turn 1.
3. Each turn is generally divided into two (2) mailings. The first mailing consists of the Cure, Purge, Investigation, and Health phases. The second mailing consists of the Replacement, Rehabilitation, and Parade phases. The GM reserves the right to separate the turn due to a radically unpredictable intrigue card events.
4. Increasing Influence: At the end of the 3rd, 6th, and 9th turns a separate mailing turn will be issued for the option of publicly announcing increased IPs or acquiring additional intrigue cards. Conditional orders are recommended.
5. Special procedures for the first mailing:
 - a. PURGE: Each Player eligible should write purge attempt orders. Only one of those character will actually have the chance to attempt a Purge; however, since the others do not know who will be active or if a "first purge attempt" intrigue card is used, all characters should have Purge Phase orders just in case.

b. **INVESTIGATION:** Each player eligible may attempt to conduct a trial and/or condemn a Candidate to Siberia. In addition ALL Politburo members must order Guilty or Innocent votes for each member of the Politburo under investigation in case a member is brought to trial. If a Politburo member is put on trial, any other Politburo member not casting a vote for or against the one on trial is considered to have cast a Guilty vote.

6. Special procedures for the second mailing.

FUNERAL: If the Party Chief post is vacant, each of the Politburo members do the following:

- a.) Nominate an eligible Politburo member to become Party Chief.
- b.) Vote yes/no on each Politburo member in case he is nominated to become Party Chief (if no vote is ordered for/against a certain nominee, the vote is considered to be "yes").
- c.) List the Politburo members, other than himself and the member listed in a.) in order of preference, to become Party Chief (regardless of their eligibility for step a.); this list is used in case a second nominee is needed.

7. **Bribes and Deals:** The GM requires a copy of all bribes and deals made between the parties involved in order to be able to enforce the three intrigue card limitation. The GM encourages the players to strike deals where they can.

8. **Assigned IPs** can be declared at any Point in the turn and can be conditional on any events that occur prior to the declaration of the IPs in the same mailing. If, at any time, two or more players have the same number of declared IP on a character, tie breaker points may be used. If this fails to resolve the tie, the GM decides who has control based on when the IP were declared. If the deadlock continues, the GM will flip a coin. Orders such as "declare as many IP on Badenuff to control him in the Purge Phase" will be followed if possible. Any order ambiguities will be handled by the GM as consistently as possible.

9. If a player does not send in orders for the first or second mailing of a turn his characters make no voluntary actions. If he must make nominations, the oldest eligible character is nominated and all votes are "yes" or "guilty". If a player does not send in orders for the "Increase Influence" Interphase:

- a) He shall draw Intrigue cards to fill his hand.
- b) He shall place any remaining IP on the highest ranking politician possible.

ON DECK



1830: Frueh, Zodda, Zieske

1835: Hanna, Zieske

1858: Hanna, Frueh, Zieske

1870: Zieske, Hanna, Frueh

BLACKBEARD: Zodda, A Bargender

BRITANNIA: Zieske

COLONIAL DIPLOMACY: Copeland, Nichols, Anderson, Boyum; need 3 more.

DIPLOMACY: Boyum, Fryling, Nichols confirmed; Curtis and Anderson iffy.

GUNSLINGER: Scott, Fowble, R Fisher; need 4 more

HISTORY OF THE WORLD: Zieske, Morrison and Anderson, need 2 to 4 more.

JUNTA: Copeland, Dave A, Hanna, Butitta

KINGMAKER: R Fisher, Shacklett, Scott

MACHIAVELLI (Gunboat): Have 3.

MAGIC REALM: Butitta, Deb A

MAHARAJA: Hanna, Zodda

MERCHANT OF VENUS: R Fisher, Deb A, Khaoz?

PUERTO RICO: R Fisher, Butitta

RUSSIAN CIVIL WAR: Scott

SILVERTON: Zieske, Deb A

WIZARD'S QUEST: A&J Bargender, Farrow?, R Fisher, Deb A

OTHER POSSIBILITIES: 1829 (N OR S), AFTER THE HOLOCAUST (*GM Fowble), GODSFIRE, KAMAKURA, MONSTERS RAVAGE AMERICA, PLANET MINERS, SAMARAI

* Offered by guest GM, when space is available.

OUR SUBSCRIBERS

Dave & Debbie Anderson, 20832 Tuck Rd, Site 32, Farmington Hills, MI 48336; (248) 773-7482; andersond4@michigan.gov

Alan Bargender, 1517 Creekside Road, Green Bay, WI 54311; alanmb777@hotmail.com

Paul Barrett; pdb@hirsaganadragon.plus.com

John Boardman, 234 East 19th St, Brooklyn, NY 11226-5302

Peter Boyum, 7615 Morningglade Drive, Granite Bay, CA 95746; (916) 705-2091;

peterboyum@msn.com

Tom Butcher, 674 Roanoke Ave, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221; chikakob@msn.com

John Butitta, 339 Ninth, Neenah, WI 54956; (414) 725-7218; docjob@tds.net

Rick Copeland, 1531 Pack Horse Rd, Winchester, VA 22603; (540) 888-4420; cope655321@aol.com

Michael Fisher, 43 W Mannheim St Apt 2, Philadelphia, PA 19144-2942; (215) 438-9966;

mikefisher65@yahoo.com.

Ron Fisher, 210 Normandy Dr, Wilmington, NC 28412; (910) 395-8330; skyark3@charter.net

Wade L. Fowble, 1127 Longbrook Rd, Lutherville, MD 21093-6307; (410) 828-8753;

wlfobe@aol.com

Mark Frueh, 1128 Olympus Dr, Naperville, IL 60540; (630) 357-7780; mark_frueh@msn.com

Chuck Hanna, 379 Wilett Ct, Severna Park, MD 21146-1912; (410) 544-3077; cehanna@toad.net

Chris Haasler, 2000 S Armour Ct, La Habra, CA 90631; chassler@adelphia.net

Tom Howell, 365 Storm King Rd, Port Angeles, WA 98363; (360) 928-9698;

off-the-shelf@olympus.net

Andy Lischett, 2402 Ridgeland Ave, Berwyn, IL 60402

Philip McCabe, 615 Smith St, Plymouth, WI 53073; (920) 892-7554; pmccabe@exccl.net

Lee McConnell, 2023 Stancrest Rd, Dublin, OH 43016-9546; blackhawk@netwalk.com

Wayne Morrison, LTSI-ASAC Khamis 05267, 7150 Troy Hill Dr, Elkridge, MD 21075;

thomascat_kaa@yahoo.com

Cary Nichols, 756532-938 S FM 1673, Snyder, TX 79549-8812.

Tony Rezzarday, 16-D NW Cape Dr, FWB, FL 32548; (850) 243-0986; tonyrezz@netscape.net

Paul Saunders, 6 North Hall Dr, Carriere, MS 39426; (601) 798-2347; kraktoof@hotmail.com
 Mike Scott, 16603 Colonial Dr, Fontana, CA 92336; (909) 357-6030; mikesmag2@juno.com
 Jack & Rose Shacklett, 365 Hobbs-Reesor Rd, Vine Grove, KY 40174; (502) 828-4281;
jshack@bbtel.com
 Kerry Watson, 2138 Clovermook Lane, Neenah, WI 54956; (920) 882-5505; kwatson1@new.rr.com
 Kevin Wilson, 7250 Perkins Rd #838, Baton Rouge, LA 70808; ckevinw@aol.com
 Andrew York, PO Box 201117, Austin, TX 78720-1117; wandrew@compuserve.com
 Paul Zieske, 3501 Keenan Lane, Glenview, IL 60025; (847) 498-9237; zieskep@juno.com
 Rudy Zodda, 7 Hanaen Ave, New City, NY 10956; (845) 706-9056; rzodda@aol.com

 DEADLINE FOR MOST GAMES IS 1800 CENTRAL TIME 13 AUG 04

The Bottom Line

This is **BORIS THE SPIDER**, a 'zine dedicated to the play of multiplayer games. **BORIS** is usually published following the first Friday of the month by Paul & Meg Bolduc, 203 Devon Ct, Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547-3110 and currently has a subscription price of \$10.50 for 12 issues in hardcopy (\$13.25 in Canada, and \$16 overseas) or a token \$1 by e-mail (waived if overseas). A hardcopy sub will also include an e-mail sub. Make checks payable to "Paul Bolduc". **BORIS** can be reached at (850) 863-9081, or prbolduc@aol.com. If phoning, expect to be greeted by an answering machine. If we're here, not engaged in an epic computer battle or enthralled in baseball, hockey, or college football, and recognize your voice, you may get to talk to a real human, so don't hang up upon hearing our recorded message (it changes every power outage). Visit the **BORIS** Website at: <http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/borishome.htm>



Enlightenment VIII

March 18th - 20nd, 2005

Hunt Valley Inn

Hunt Valley, MD

A four-round swiss format of *Age of Renaissance* using a special best three-out-of-four scoring system that encourages fast play and keeps most players in contention throughout.

STELLAR CONQUEST

William T. Riker: Due soon are Turn 40 production to movement orders for Turn 41-44.

Kurzon Dax: Orders for Combat 10 and modifications to Turns 11-12 are due soonest.

BORIS THE SPIDER

c/o 283 Devon Ct

FWB, FL 32547-3118

<http://hometown.aol.com/prbolduc/boris/borishome.htm>

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Addresses	pp 18-19
AGE OF RENAISSANCE	p 14
AIR BARON	p 15
BRITANNIA	
"Devon"	p 6
"Fraser"	p 7
DIPLOMACY	
"Boris XVII"	p 2
MACHIAVELLI	p 3
DOWN WITH THE KING	p 12
DUNE	p 8
1630	pp 10-11
KREMLIN	pp 16-17
On Deck	p 18
SETTLERS OF CATAN	p 5
SOURCE OF THE NILE	p 14
STELLAR CONQUEST	p 19
TITAN	p 9

FIRST CLASS